

years, to share with my colleagues another important milestone for the Philadelphia Orchestra on the world stage.

In close coordination with the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs as well as our diplomats in Abu Dhabi, a delegation from the Philadelphia Orchestra made a historic trip to the United Arab Emirates in March.

This coincided with the Dubai Expo and the anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on March 20, 1972.

The Philadelphia Orchestra has been one of the most well-traveled in the world. This commitment to cultural diplomacy dates to the end of World War II. Colleagues will remember the landmark visit to China orchestrated personally by President Nixon and Secretary Kissinger. More recently, the Orchestra has worked with our State Department diplomats to strengthen relations with countries as diverse as Mongolia and Israel.

While on the ground, the musicians visited not only Abu Dhabi and Dubai, but also the Fujairah Fine Arts Academy. This was truly historic. In an increasingly complex world, this type of people-to-people exchange is an incredibly important tool to amplify the work of our diplomats.

As we stand shoulder to shoulder with our European allies, I look forward to celebrating the upcoming European tour this August and September. Once again, the Philadelphia Orchestra will serve as an important cultural ambassador for our country on the world stage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PA 211
NORTHEAST/HELP LINE FOR 50
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania in partnership with the Family Service Association. For the past five decades, the Help Line has been a source for anyone seeking referrals to social service and support agencies or information in Northeastern Pennsylvania. This occasion will be marked with a Spring Fling and Auction celebration on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes and the resulting flood devastated the region, causing billions of dollars of damage and leaving citizens in need of food, shelter, and other necessities. In response to this tragedy, the Wilkes-Barre City Demonstration Agency, the Department of Public Welfare, and the Wyoming Valley United Fund all came together to establish and provide financial support for the Wilkes-Barre Information System, later renamed PA 211 Help Line, to provide vital information for the survivors of this disaster. They chose Family Service Association to operate the service. During the first year, 3,000 calls were answered regarding food, utility information, and transport services as the region slowly recovered from the flood.

In 1975, after entering into agreements with several area agencies, the Help Line became

a twenty-four-hour crisis hotline. Soon after, additional agencies signed on, and Help Line was now the crisis center for most Wyoming Valley social service agencies.

While continuing to provide information and referrals, Help Line has also become a place to call when an individual needs someone to listen to them, and a team of crisis case-workers is able to provide support and referrals to additional services as needed. In 2011, Help Line, now operating under its current name, grew beyond an active listing of local agencies to include regional, state, and national resources.

Since 1972, Help Line has answered more than 3.1 million calls from its 17-county coverage area and beyond. The team has responded to numerous disasters over the years such as the blizzard of 1993, the September 11th terrorist attacks, and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, Help Line continues to grow and thrive. With one phone number, callers can freely obtain resources on how to access thousands of programs and services aiming to improve the quality of their lives.

I am honored to congratulate the Family Service Association and PA 211 Northeast/Help Line for 50 years of steadfast dedication to supporting the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. I wish them great success in the future as they continue to provide essential services to those who need it most.

HONORING DICK MORRIS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career achievements of Dick Morris, who is stepping down from the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors after more than four decades of service.

Mr. Morris was elected to the district board on November 3, 1981 when the district was first created. He has repeatedly served as president, vice president, and clerk of the board that he helped form. Over those years, Mr. Morris helped bring improvements in electricity reliability and cost savings for Trinity County customers, who enjoy low-cost power through the federal Trinity River Division of the Central Valley hydropower project.

Throughout his time on the district board, Mr. Morris advocated for annual payments of \$800,000 to the district, additional regional infrastructure, and federal legislation vital to the economic health of Trinity County. He supported the passage of my Trinity County Land Exchange Act of 2013 which acquired land for the district for economic development. Mr. Morris was also key to saving Trinity County's only hospital, vital to the health and well-being of the community.

Madam Speaker, Dick Morris' long service on the Trinity Public Utilities District Board of Directors is an exemplary illustration of commitment to improving the life of Trinity County's rural community through good governance. Please join me in honoring Dick Morris on the occasion of his retirement from the board, and in wishing him good luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING PAUL NEUMEIER FOR HIS CAREER AND SERVICE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Through a lifetime of work for his family and the public good, Michael has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula.

Paul was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on June 4, 1947, and later moved to the City of Escanaba where he was raised. In 1965, he graduated from Escanaba High and was a star player on their successful football team. He then attended Michigan State University and graduated as a double major in Political Science and History in 1969. Following his education, he began working at his family business, Independent Roofing & Siding Co. Working for the company for over a decade, Paul was inspired to carry on the family business. He purchased his uncle's part of the company in 1972 to become partners with his father. Paul later became President in 1982, ensuring lasting success for the 105-year-old company. Under Paul's direction, Independent Roofing continued their accomplishments through the years, with the company recently receiving a national award from Firestone as being in the top 1 percent in the United States. Paul is also heavily involved in local politics and has served as the Delta County Republican Party Chairman for 22 years. Today, he continues to remain a strong advocate for his community.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Paul Neumeier for his career and service to his community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless citizen. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167 on May 11, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 164 through 167.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of a dear friend, a mentor, and a colleague, Norm Mineta.

Secretary Mineta was an American patriot who served his country with distinction in the military, in Congress, and as a cabinet secretary in two administrations. He was a trailblazer and a man of many 'firsts'. He was the